

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 726 - SB 723

March 29, 2011

SUMMARY OF BILL: Adds “rescue squad personnel” to the definition of fire protection personnel. Requires a criminal background check as a prerequisite to employment as any paid or volunteer fire protection personnel.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Revenue – \$480,000

Increase State Expenditures – \$480,000

Increase Local Expenditures – \$480,000*

Assumptions:

- Based on a 2010 Fiscal Review Committee survey, there are approximately 20,000 paid and volunteer fire protection personnel state-wide.
- The number of fire protection personnel currently required to submit to a background check is unknown but is estimated to be 50 percent.
- Based on information previously provided by the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI), the cost of one background check is \$48, resulting in an increase to local expenditures of \$480,000 (20,000 x \$48 x 50%). State revenues and expenditures will increase by \$480,000 to the State TBI Fund.

**Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: No law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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